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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 12-31 to read:

The invention is directed to a process for preparation of a tufted polyamide-type fiber carpet comprising: providing a primary backing tufted with yarn comprised of at least 85% by weight of fibers selected from the group consisting of nylon fibers, wool fibers, and blends thereof, the tufted primary backing having a carpet side and an opposite back side; providing a molten polymer adhesive on the back side of the tufted primary backing, the polymer adhesive consisting of at least 85% by weight of one or more ethylene copolymers each comprised of 50 to 95 weight % of ethylene, and 5-50 weight % of at least one comonomer selected from the group of esters and carboxylic acids; compressing the tufted primary backing and the molten polymer adhesive layer under a moving belt that applies a pressure of at least 1 N/cm² for a period of at least 5 seconds during which time the polymer adhesive remains in a molten state; and then cooling the molten polymer adhesive to a temperature below the melting point of the molten adhesive. A secondary backing may be placed over the molten polymer adhesive on the back of the primary backing before or after the primary backing and the molten polymer adhesive are compressed under the moving belt. The tufted primary backing with the molten polymer adhesive may also be introduced into a nip to further compress the molten polymer adhesive into the tufted primary backing.